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Seniors Take State-Wide Regents Scholarship Test

In order to prepare seniors who took the Regents State Scholarship Test, St. Brendan's offered a course specially designed for drill in Math and English.

Beginning in March of last year, prospective scholarship winners attended classes each Tuesday morning at 7:30. Conducted by John Sexton, these classes consisted of a summary of the various philosophies of the world. The purpose of such talks was to stimulate the thinking processes of the girls and to open their minds to new ideas. Then on August 18, began another series of classes in history with Sister Catherine

Alonzo, and in English with Miss Elizabeth Flynn. Sister Alonzo's classes taught the origin and problems of democracy in America, while Miss Flynn reviewed the history of English Literature and vocabulary. Until the last day of the summer vacation sixty-four seniors attended these classes from 9 to 11 A.M. daily.

The actual preparation for the Scholarship Test was done systematically during the weeks prior to October 8, the date of the test. Each morning at 7:15, the girls were drilled by John Sexton in methods for taking the test, in vocabulary, and in math. On the three consecutive Saturdays previous to the examination, candidates took practice tests.

National Honor Society Welcomes New Members

Because the Leo Honor Society has been discontinued throughout Brooklyn, those Juniors and Seniors who were qualified will now be members of "The Navigators," Saint Brendan's Chapter of the National Honor Society. This chapter was inaugurated on January 11, 1963 under the direction of its moderator Sister Mary Laurina.

The purpose of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools is to set apart those students who have shown outstanding character, scholarship, leadership and service which are the cardinal qualities worthy of encouragement in all schools. To be eligible for this Society girls must maintain an 85% average and 85% or over in every subject.

The new Senior members are: J. Angelico, L. App, J. Black, C. Bley, M. Borsare, C. Carney, M. Commorato, S. Conley, L. Conversano,

Parents, Teachers Exchange Advice

At the initial colloquium of the scholastic year, a panel of teachers under Sister John Berchmans met with parents of Brendanites. The meeting aimed to unite parents and faculty in the education and training of the girls through the discussion of the teachers' encounters with students.

Miss Grincato, outlining her teaching goals, pointed out that each student has a goal which must be ignited. In her talk, Mrs. Bulger, mother of three children, stressed parental discipline and encouragement. Also in the dual role of parent and teacher was Mr. John Turley who asked that parents instill in their children a respect for teachers. Mr. Turley, faculty member at Sheepshead Bay High School and father of a Saint Brendan's senior, encouraged parents to maintain communication with their children and he suggested that they inquire about classes. Sister Catherine Alonzo advised parents to think seriously now about college for their daughters.

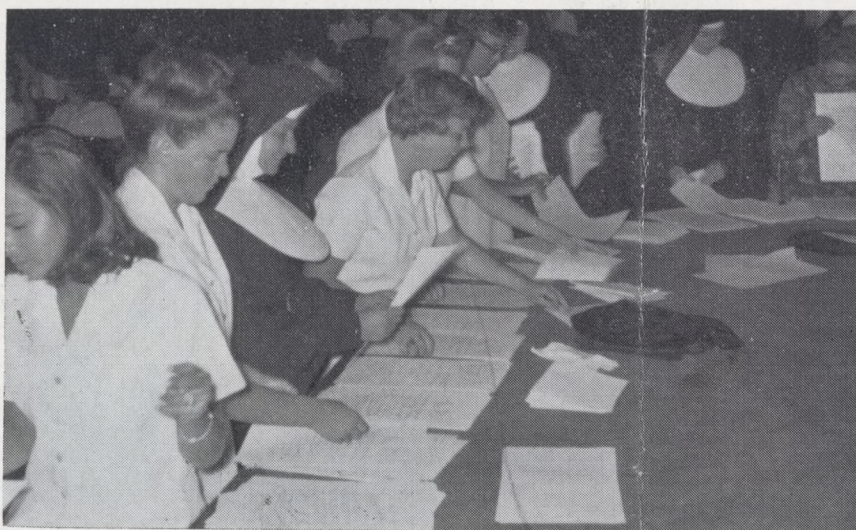
Council Installs Five Committees

At a recent meeting of the Student Council, five committees were formed each of which will contribute in a major way to student life at Saint Brendan's.

The first, the Ways and Means Committee, will organize and expedite many important school functions.

The Art and Publicity Committees will keep students informed of current school events. The bulletin board at the Thirteenth Street entrance will be decorated by the Art Committee. News of Saint Brendan's dances and weekly publications of the *Mast* will be handled by Jane Wilkinson (201) and the Publicity Committee.

A fourth committee is appointed to update our school constitution. Finally, Kathy Jones (204) leads a fifth committee in writing a handbook.



Students aid faculty in preparing for first school assembly.

Religious Organizations Spend Valuable Summer

During the summer months, three of St. Brendan's major religious activities, Mission Club, Sodality, and YCS, sent representatives to various conventions.

Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana was the scene of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade during the week of August 24. Paulina Murray and Dorothy Picciano of our Mission Club attended the convocation. Such subjects as ecumenism and communism were discussed, enabling the students in attendance to understand more fully the situations, problems, and solutions confronting the missions today.

On the 18th of August, three thousand teens met at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel in New York City to participate in the Summer School of Catholic Action. Among them were thirty Brendanites of the Sodality of Our Lady. Faculty representatives included our priest counselor and Diocesan Director of Sodalties, Father Regan; and the moderators, Sister Agnes Rosaire, Sister James Immaculate, and Sister Johannes Maria. Lectures on Catholic Action followed by open discussions provided the Sodality with an opportunity to exchange ideas.

Nineteen YCS'ers studied the techniques of the organization at a study-week at Tarrytown.

Five Seniors Receive Commendation Letters

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has awarded Letters of Commendation to five members of this year's senior class. The commended students are Susan Kiernan, Patricia McDonough, Diane Thilman and Diane Vigliarolo all of 201 and Regina Padronaggio of 202.

The National Merit Scholarship Program aims, according to its president John M. Stalnaker, to conduct a nationwide search for high school students possessing unusual promise of intellectual achievements, and to encourage these students to attend college by awarding scholarships to as many of them as possible. In congratulating the winners, Mr. Stalnaker noted that a Letter of Commendation signifies that the students are in the top two per cent of the country.



S. Kiernan, D. Vigliarolo, P. McDonough, R. Padronaggio, and D. Thilman smile proudly after receiving Letters of Commendation.

School Assembly Marks New Year

A formal assembly on September 14, conducted under the direction of the student council officers, opened the scholastic year.

After a prayer by Monsignor Egan, Sister John Berchmans, Principal, emphasized the key theme to accentuate the positive as an approach for the coming term.

This first week of orientation included a second assembly. This convocation familiarized the girls with the extracurricular activities in the school rather than with their scholastic duties. *Anchor*, the school yearbook, Charm Club, Drama Club, the Forensic Society, Future Teachers, Physicians and Nurses of America, *Stella*, the school newspaper, the Cheerleaders, Junior Varsity and Varsity, Legion of Mary, Leo Honor and the National Honor Societies were among those clubs represented.

Rosemary Ruggerio (203) and Kathy Borchick (204) were both Mistresses of Ceremonies.

'Anchor' and 'Stella' Both Earn All-Catholic Rating

Both of St. Brendan's literary clubs, *Anchor*, the school yearbook and *Stella*, the school newspaper, have earned *All Catholic*, the highest rating given by the Catholic Press Association.

To continue receiving these high ratings and journalistic awards, staff members, avail themselves of the opportunities by various colleges and universities to attend literary conferences.

On Friday, September 26, Sister Thomas Angela, Sister Theresa Immaculate, Deborah Ford (204) and Catherine Martin (Bio-Lab) left for Villanova University, Philadelphia, where lectures reviewed the techniques of journalism. They were also given ideas on how to improve the yearbook.

Representatives from *Anchor* and *Stella* were present at Fordham University's Catholic Publication Conference, on October 3. There they participated in a series of panel discussions.

Paula Schuster, Monica Surfaro and Kathy McDonough, all of 305, are scheduled to be the guests of New York University at their Communication Art's Group.

Forensic Launches Debate Year With First Big Win

The Forensic Society launched its debate team to a rousing start when the Junior Varsity captured first place in Buffalo during the first week of October. The four members of the team, Pat Dolan and Linda Lacitignola of 3A2-Biology Lab, Terry Keely (204), and Kathy Fitzgerald (401), competed at Canarsie High against thirty-two other schools. The proposition this year is Resolved: That control of nuclear weapons should be given to an international organization.

At St. John's Prep on October 10, the team placed third in a declamation and current events extemp tournament. Regina Crea (201) placed first in Varsity extemp, while Pat Dolan (32-Biology Lab) took second place in Junior Varsity and Ellen Sheehan (204), third place in Varsity declamation.

On October 31, the team will go to St. Agnes Academic for a speech tournament, and on November 6, they will travel to Rochester, New York for a debate tournament. A novice declamation and dramatic session will be held on November 21 at Bishop Reilly. In drama, an eight minute scene must be edited from any play, show, or movie; the speaker must act out as many roles as she is capable of delivering. The Forensic Society will also attend St. John's University on November 28.

Shirking Your Duties???

A present day mystery concerning the presidential election is that people who have the privilege of choosing their president accept this privilege with such an air of nonchalance. Many, even among our relatives and neighbors have become very lax and apathetic toward this duty. Their ballots today will effect the democracy of the future, your future.

Let us analyze this situation. Platforms have long been stated, candidates have long been chosen, and now the campaigning is coming to a close. Yet, on November 3, many will walk to the polls still unsure, still skeptical, still uninformed about who is the best candidate. If they had but cared enough to examine each one's policies!

Are you going to be like those uninterested Americans, so apathetic as to be indifferent to the cause of democracy? Now is the time to take an interest in the world around you! Are you shirking your responsibilities as a voter of tomorrow? Will you forfeit your right to vote because of mental laziness? Your enthusiasm in the events and affairs of the world, today and always, can be the thin red line that divides a democratic nation from a communistic one.

Poet's Corner

being L ost

a lifejacket washed up O n the shore

a question which has N o answer

being awake while E veryone else sleeps

a straight face in a L aughing crowd

being kept in I gnorance by those who know

a black night with N either stars nor moonlight

standing on the stage of an E mpty auditorium

a roomful of S trange relatives

silence when there S hould be sound

Spotlight on

Mary Ross

Three years ago a friendly, outgoing girl named Mary Ross entered freshman year. Here an entirely new world unfolded for her with new friends and new interests.

As a sophomore, she displayed her spirit of unselfishness when she headed a committee to mend broken rosaries to be sent to the Women's House of Detention. She was also a member of Saint Brendan's Junior Varsity during this year.

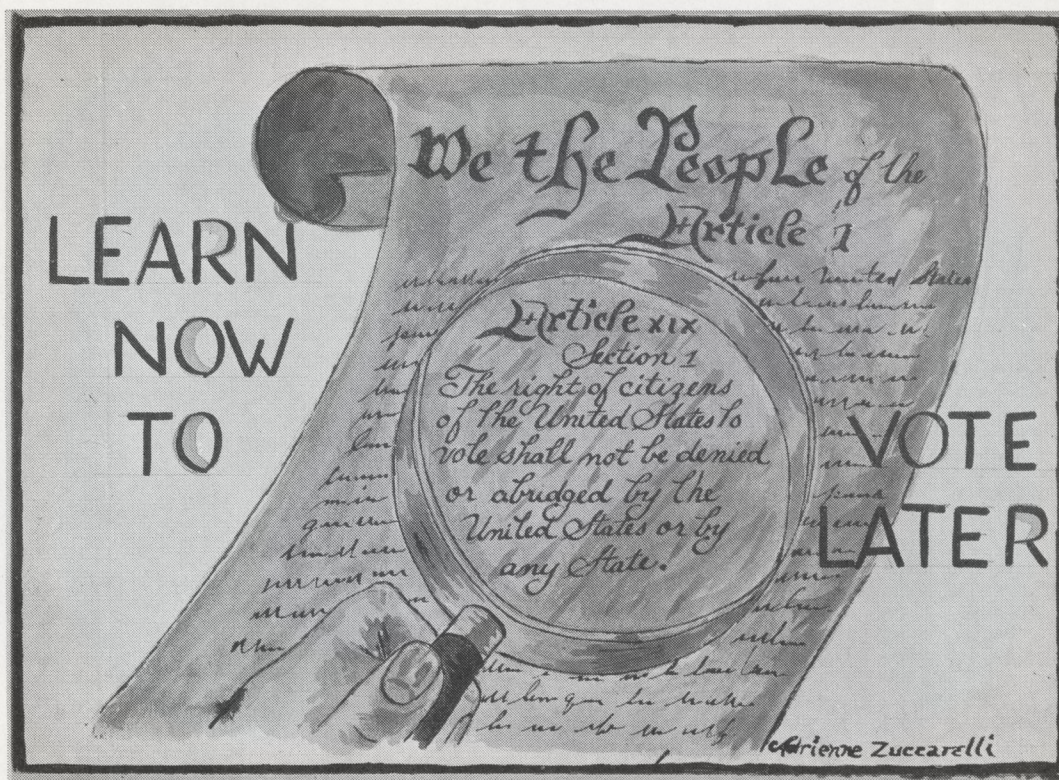
As Junior year approached, Mary was destined for even greater success. At this time Mary's athletic powers were put to use on the Varsity. For all her lightheartedness, Mary also has a quiet, serious side. Last year, she volunteered her services each Sunday morning to instruct the children of Guardian Angel parish for their First Communion. Considering her good qualities Mary's class nominated her for Junior Secretary of the Student Council. After a spirited campaign, Mary emerged the victor. Her new office kept her busy checking posts, keeping records, and performing other Student Council activities. Once again she was nominated for public office and history repeated itself — Mary Ross was elected President of the Student Council of Saint Brendan's.

When she accepted the position as President of the Student Council, Mary took upon herself the most important task of her high school years. A natural leader, Mary has assumed her role with ease and affability. In addition to her duties as President, Mary is Secretary of Our Lady of Grace Praesidium of the Legion of Mary and a member of Charm Club. Her mental powers are witnessed by her membership in the National Honor Society.

With all her newly acquired responsibilities, Mary seldom has time to herself yet each day she begins anew with a smile.



Mary Ross



Action Speaks Louder

Seven weeks after the opening of the third session of the Vatican Council, we Catholics find that we are challenged to assume a new aspect on our liturgy. We are urged to take off our old coat and roll up our sleeves. In our smugness, however, we sometimes fail to see this need for revolution. We sit back and are content with the familiar.

But the changes have been promulgated. Church liturgy has been reevaluated. Satisfaction can no longer supersede legislation. Content can no longer replace enthusiasm. We, as true Christians must endeavor to accept this modernization, not only with obedience, but also with gratitude.

We are all members of the persuasive generation. Our influence is reflected to the entire world. Taking the first steps toward mass cooperation will not be easy, but our youth will be the foundation upon which the success of the liturgical reform will be built.

Habits of a lifetime cannot be changed instantly. There will be new practices and new ideas which we must get across. Older people may be reluctant to participate in the Offertory Procession of the Mass unless they have their youth guiding them. They may hesitate to stand during the entire Sacrifice unless they see the younger generation doing so. English responses will be few and far between unless they are led by the vibrant voices of the young.

WE ARE DEPENDED UPON!
The success of the liturgical reform

greatly depends upon us, as members of the 'persuasive generation.' We must, however, as individuals, do our own share of the persuasion.

Interviewing

The Honorable Frank J. Pino

'One cannot speed justice; speed is not the goal, justice is.'

This statement was made by the Honorable Frank J. Pino concerning the proposed cancellation of the jury in civil suits. The most recently elected New York State Supreme Court Justice, Judge Pino tries both civil and criminal cases. In cases involving civil suits, a jury is not required, but may be obtained upon request. Judge Pino pointed out that a controversy over the elimination of juries in civil actions is presently pending. On this point, he held strongly that the jury system should be preserved in important civil cases.

When asked what the role of teenagers in government is, Judge Pino replied that our greatest role is to prepare for citizenship. He recommends an intensive training of young people in the operations and problems of government.

Judge Pino is in favor of lowering the voting age. "A person of 18 is eligible to enter the Army. He should be permitted to vote, since at this age, he is assumed to have acquired also the training and capacity to know the issues of the times."

The Judge affirms that the Judiciary of the Supreme Court of Kings County is of high caliber, composed of efficient, hard-working and dedicated Justices. With such men as Judge Pino in the Judicial Branch of the New York State Government, we are assured of a high ideal of justice being propagated throughout the State.

Bread and Cake

Culture is defined as the enlightenment and refinement of taste acquired by intellectual and aesthetic training. This suggests that culture is something that has to be acquired and is not just something which a fortunate few possess. Yet this does not demand that we spend long hours in the study of the arts.

To the high school students of today there are many opportunities available. One can learn about the growth of art and civilization through her study of history and art. Interest in happenings in the world today is also encouraged.

Along with her study of Latin she learns about ancient Rome and its culture. With her study of modern languages she learns not only to converse in the language but becomes familiar with the architecture, the works of art, the music and customs of the people.

One cannot be a really cultured person without a knowledge of the great works of literature. Our English courses encourage us to read the classics. But the great need of reading modern literature is also emphasized. The educational value of reading a good daily newspaper cannot be overestimated.

Lest we should become too bogged down with all our knowledge and prove to be too serious, we at St. Brendan's have the wonderful opportunity of lightening the mood with our yearly Sing. The competition between the years adds to the fun, and many, heretofore undiscovered talents are displayed.

Our Charm Club helps to put the frosting on the cake. The girls are trained in the social amenities without which no girl is considered a truly cultural person.



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Leisure Lives of the Three L's Are Discovered by Students

As the last bell is sounded the lay teachers depart from their common world of discipline and studies to their private worlds of reverie and relaxation. Let us take you into the worlds of three of our newest lay faculty members. Incidentally, the surnames of all three begin with the letter L—Miss Lagomasino, Miss Lane and Mrs. Leghorn.

The scope of Miss Lagomasino's interests range from push-ups to painting. She enjoys gymnastics, both as a teacher and as a participant after school. An avid reader, Miss Lagomasino whiles away the hours, curled up with an intriguing novel. Don't always count on her being at home though, for you might bump into her during the intermission of the latest Broadway play. Her aesthetic sense is expressed through paintings which are inspired by scenery which she views while driving about New York. As you can see Miss Lagomasino enjoys a variety of interests.

A freshman official, Miss Lane is an alumna of St. Brendan's. After a full session with her students she spends her evenings hours with yarn and needles. In contrast to this somewhat calm pastime, she is a water-skiing enthusiast. You might say she is a combination of sugar and spice.

A substitute biology teacher last term, Mrs. Leghorn now has a full schedule of classes this year. Her most time consuming hobby, typical of the American mother, is tending to the hobbies of her family but she carefully follows the day's events by reading various newspaper articles which she finds informative and interesting.

Brendan's Greets New Religious And Lay Teachers of the Staff

Let's follow the theme of the new school year and "accentuate the positive" by greeting the new faculty members.

Replacing Sister Ancilla Maria for Religion is Sister Francis Carolyn from the Mary Louis Academy. Sister Ancilla was assigned to teach at the Brentwood Novitiate.

Sister Marie Brebeuf of the Business Department has gone to St. Joseph High School. Her successor Sister Rose Edmund is from Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Sister Maria Columba left for Fontbonne Hall, Sister Patricia Marie of that same school came here to take Sister's place in the mathematics field.

Also from Fontbonne Hall is Sister Joseph Brendan, who is replacing Sister Ann Margaret for history. Sister Ann Margaret is now teaching at Bishop Kearney.

In the English and Social Studies Departments, Miss Lane a graduate of St. Brendan's and St. Francis College in Pittsburgh, Penn. previously taught at Crescent Joint Junior High School.

Drilling in calisthenics is Miss Elizabeth Lagomasino, Miss Duddy's successor. Miss Duddy has transferred to Stella Maris. Our newest P.T. instructor and varsity coach is a recent graduate of St. Joseph's College for Women. However, she taught at Mercy Academy on Long Island before graduating from college.

Mrs. Rose Marie Leghorn of the Science Department is a licensed pharmacist. She was formerly employed in the Science Research Department of the Pfizer Corporation.

Admiral Koch Talks To Teen Journalists

I felt privileged to be the only Catholic school representative, when against the impressive backdrop of Naval Air Station New York, Rear Admiral George P. Koch addressed high school journalists concerning the Navy and Naval Reserve.

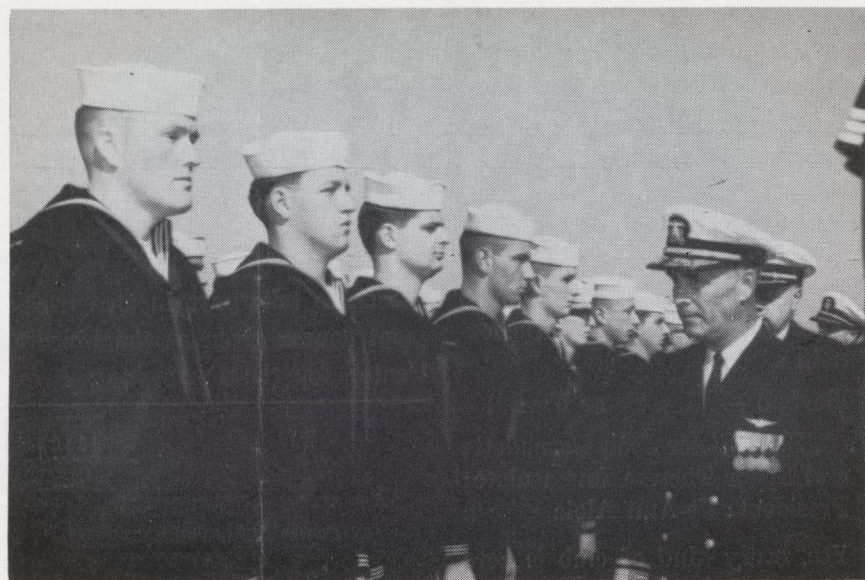
Admiral Koch, Chief of Naval Air Reserve Training who commands 18 units across the U.S., was present for the annual inspection of reservists. The sight of these 4000 men satisfied me that our country is well prepared for defense. The Admiral explained that the duty of each station is to train such Selected Reservists and to maintain their proficiency so that mobilization would be effective in the event of national emergency.

Annual Film Festival Draws Teenage Audience

From July 13 to July 17, Linda Smith, Patricia Coiro, Diane Vigliarolo (all of 201) represented St. Brendan's at the first "Young People's Film Festival" held at Walt Whitman Auditorium, sponsored by the Mayor's Committee on Film Festivals and the Brookfield Foundation.

In the mornings, along with five hundred other students from various high schools in New York City, they saw such movies as 'David and Lisa,' 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' and 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.'

In the afternoons, the students were given the opportunity to question film makers and actors about the many techniques involved in making a movie. Among the speakers were Fred and Ethel Perry, producer-directors of 'David and Lisa'; Arthur Penn, producer of 'The Miracle Worker,' actress Diane Baker, star of 'Marnie,' and actor Howard Keel, star of 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.' In a personal and highly professional way they shared their experiences and knowledge of film making with a greatly appreciative audience.



Admiral Koch reviews reservists at Floyd Bennett Field.



ON THE BALL . . . M. Brady, M. Buono, and P. Borsare impatiently await the beginning of the new season.

Alumnae Battle Varsity; Wage Combat November 2

Excitement will run high in the gym on November second, when the alumnae return to school to compete against their former comrades, the Varsity. Student and Alumnae spectators add to the suspense by cheering enthusiastically. Although the gym will echo with cheers, silence will prevail each time a player steps up to the foul line.

Although the Varsity contains the most highly skilled basketball players in the school, Junior Varsity enthusiasts will tell you that many of the strategic plays are executed at Junior Varsity games. The Junior Varsity will be on the road for all but two of its games, these played with Little Bishops and Catherine McAuley's. The score-keepers will be kept busy when the Junior Varsity travels to Mary Louis Academy, for the first thrilling game of the season on November 10.

Something New This Year

The volley ball net will often be in use, as St. Brendan's inaugurates a new intramural program. Student volleyball players, ranging from freshman to seniors, will practice every Tuesday in the gym. Under the direction of Mrs. Farrell, the girls will organize individual class teams.

Over the Bridge; Down the Chute

It wasn't until sixth period that my possessor realized.

In the meantime, I was whiling away my time in the chute, that well-known catch-all to all Brendanites. Although I was very insulted at having been thrown away, I did recognize the fact that my mistress was very distressed.

I am a neuter being, that is closely associated with Homo Sapiens. Consequently my non-rational companions in the chute proved to be extreme bores. I can distinctly recall an orange skin that claimed to be in dreadful pain because he had been very harshly peeled away.

The climax occurred outside the biology lab where the chute is emptied. In this setting my owner was employed in the questionable occupation of scavenger in hopes of locating me. This task consumed much repulsion. At my discovery she uttered such a sigh of relief, that I, a mere dental retainer, was surprised that I could arouse such an evident display of emotion.

Alumnae News

The Alumnae Association with Sister James Anna, continuing as moderator, had its first gathering on Sunday, October 25. A tea was served at Saint Brendan's Convent at which Sister John Berchmans acted as hostess.

As we checked on past graduates, we found:

Patricia McComiskey '64, Mary Walsh '64, Virginia Kelly '63, and Margaret O'Shea '63 have entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. June Osgood and Amelia Penzancechi, both graduates of '63, as well as Rita Petrusa and Mary Ann Cody of '64, have entered the Sisters of Good Shepherd, the Amityville Dominicans and the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, respectively.

The Undergraduate Association of Saint Joseph's College for Women has as its Secretary and Treasurer former Brendanites, Cathleen Berri '63, and Cathleen Page '62.

Camille Schrippa '62 was married to Philip Porter on October 18 at Our Lady of Grace Church. Also, on October 25, Elizabeth Gorman '60 was married to Frank Giovane at St. Brendan's.

In the teaching profession is Elizabeth Izzo '59, who is an instructor of blind children at a special Staten Island school. Karen Darby of '63 holds the position of Secretary to the Comptroller of the Schaefer Brewery.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO ANCHOR,
MEDALIST
YEARBOOK

STELLASCOPE

Approach this section with caution and fear
For old Brendy's ghost was last seen here.
Beware of happenings in your room
For in this column may be your doom!

Ghosts are haunting 307. . . . 310 is wondering what the seniors are hiding on the stairs. . . . What's pink, yellow, and blue, has four feet and runs around 206 at night? Mice (or the spirit of its inhabitants). . . . Stop that echo, huh! . . . 303 has an "evil eye" on typewriters! Beware of flying freshmen on the church steps! A girl in 301 is so confused she doesn't know if she is going up, up, or down, down! . . . Dropouts, doorknobs that is, are plaguing the school! . . . Where's Sam the consoler? . . . Having a nice trip over the back row? . . . Will the real P. Riddle go to 204? . . . Too bad 309 still doesn't know where their French class is! . . . Pass those candy kisses! . . . Who's going around terrifying freshmen? . . . Hope the national elections don't take as long as 201's! . . . Beatlemania bugs Brendanites' bonnets . . . French records are flying in everyone's face. . . . 'Candid Camera' in the typing room. . . . Who's in love with 203? . . . The manipulators dwell in 401. . . . Someone find my tremendous twangy! . . . Talented people in 306 can speak French with an Italian accent! . . . Girls, your ankles are showing! . . . What girl is going around eating flowers from birthday corsages? . . . Spooks are scratching on the walls in 202!

Play Review

Acclaimed as one of the greatest musicals of the day, 'Oliver' continues to play the theatres of Broadway. This play, an adaptation of the classic by Charles Dickens, is another one of David Merrick's outstanding hits. Mr. Merrick has a knack for picking plays that are always acclaimed by the theatre-going public and critics. Of all producers, he represents a 'milestone in our modern theatre.'

Currently featured as Oliver, the boy orphan, is Ronnie Kroll, a handsome youngster from Connecticut. The original Nancy was portrayed by Georgia Brown, now replaced by another Londoner, Judy Bruce. Her performance is climaxed when she sings, 'As Long As He Needs Me.' An excellent portrayal of the miser, Fagin, is enacted by Robin Ramsay.

Other choral works include 'Consider Yourself,' and 'I'd Do Anything.' 'Oliver' is a stunning production that generates many moments of excitement.

Students Contribute Aid to Missionaries

In answer to the plea of the Diocesan Office of the Propagation of the Faith for prayers and sacrifices both here and abroad, each Brendanite has contributed to the Bishop's Relief Fund and the Mission Sunday Collection.

During the school term all Brendanites will come to recognize the red and white miteboxes, symbol of voluntary sacrifice, encouraged by the Mission Club. The club's moderator has provided each class with a box for cancelled stamps. These stamps will help to educate young men studying for the priesthood.

Clubs for All Tastes Satisfy Hungry Minds

What's your special interest? Do you sing, dance, paint or act? Are languages your forte? Or are books your coup-de-resistance? Whatever your hobby, interest or inclination may be, there is a club at St. Brendan's waiting for you. Just check the list below and choose your favorites.

Anchor — Sister Thomas Angela;

Editor: Marianne Migliaccio

Art Club — Mrs. Pierre Charpentier; President: Francesca De Nitto

Brendy's Debs — Sister Cecelia Madeline; President: Peggy Tiernan

Brendy's Secretarial Service — Sister Rose Edmund; President: Willa Kraft

Cheerleaders — Sister Eugenio; Captain: Francesca DeNitto; J. V. Captain: Peggy Borsare

Dramatic Club — Sister Francis Carolyn; Coach: Arthur Griffin; President: Merry Miller

Forensic League — Sister Catherine Alonzo; Coach: John Sexton; President: Regina Crea

Future Nurses of America — Sister Joseph Brendan; President: Diane Vigliarolo



Future Homemakers of America display homes they designed for their model community.

Erect Model Homes In New Art Course

A completely new course in Interior Decorating is being offered to the seniors by the Art Department this year. This comprehensive study was established for the purpose of showing how the varied aspects of the artistic field may be carried into everyday living.

The first project of the class was to build scale model homes exemplifying good taste and judgment. This assignment called upon the girls to put all their ingenuity and creativity into practice. In the underground, Cape Cod, and modern homes they created, their challenge was well met. Many seemingly useless objects were found to serve convenient purposes. Although the houses are made up of cardboard, old sponges, and discarded plastic, they teach a lesson. From these simple materials the girls learn the basis of color scheming and attractive decoration. They will be able to apply what they have learned on this small scale to the cultured distinction of their own homes now and in later life.

During the term the girls will be shown slides demonstrating the value of educated styling. They will also go on trips to department stores and museums to examine the model rooms of their furniture and fabric sections. Many decors, such as Traditional, Provincial and Early American, will be considered but Contemporary will be especially stressed.

Future Physicians of America — Sister Margaret Francis; President: Sanita Harper

Future Teachers of America — Sister Maria Dolorosa; President: Joan Lombardi

Glee Club — Sister Patricia Maria; Directress: Miss Christine McLoughlin; President: Stephanie Rais

Guardian Angel — Sister Eugenio and Sister Joannes Maria

Italian Club — Sister Mary Evangelina; President: Concetta Bianco

Legion of Mary: Mater Boni Concilli — Sister Alice Therese; President: Susan Bratnyk

Our Lady of Grace Praesidium — Sister Maria Dolorosa; President: Miss Christine Grincato

Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament Praesidium — Sister Regina Catherine; President: Karen Gray

Library Club — Sister Mary Celestine; President: Barbara Nielsen

Math Club — Sister Cecelia Madeline; President: Barbara Harlin

Mission Club — Sister Regina Catherine; President: Margaret Pinto

New Vistas Opened Before Young Christian Students

Opening up to a world of new and exciting ideas is Young Christian Students. Being a world-wide organization, Y.C.S. embraces all nationalities. Through their study days and days of recollection, Y.C.S.-ers from different schools meet to discuss the problems of our modern world. Under the guidance of our Diocesan moderator, Father Edward Hogan, Y.C.S. has made a strong branchout through its Brooklyn Federation. One of our own Brendanites, Kathryn Butler of 202, is Secretary of the Federation.

In its fourth year at St. Brendan's, Y.C.S. has made tremendous strides in its apostolic work. Dealing with the evils of pornography, a Y.S.C. group here wrote letters of complaint to various stores in the neighborhood concerning the sale of illicit books. Many times ideas contrary to Christian thought creep into society and soon they become exaggerated when they are not properly diverted. To help correct any erroneous thinking, Y.C.S. prepares its leaders by instructing them in the Church's opinions and judgments. These leaders then return to their group meetings which assemble on one of three days, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Gathering facts, they observe and judge whether there is a problem at hand. If a difficulty is found, the leader and her team work diligently on an immediate action.

Although its primary purpose is spiritual maturity, this organization also concerns itself with social development.

Sodality's New Executive Board Plans Events For Coming Year

Sodalists throughout the diocese have inaugurated into their plans, for the coming year, an Executive Board. The purpose of this board is to look ahead on the calendar and plan the Diocesan sodality agenda.

Father Regan, Diocesan Moderator of Sodalities, has stated that the Sodality is not a group of priests and nuns, but a society of laymen. This statement was proven on October 20, when St. Brendan's Sodality was host at a meeting of the Executive Board. Schools from all over the diocese were represented and each board member had to give a report from their Sodalities.

The girls from St. Agnes Seminary related that they were in the process of salvaging old clothes for the poor families at St. James Pro-Cathedral on Jay Street. The sodalists from Bishop Kearney are making rosaries from cloth for the Philippines, and St. Brendan's Diane Rochford acts as an aide in the Madonna Residence.

Aside from the religious aspects, the Sodality is also sponsoring a number of dances throughout the year, the first of which will be held November 21.

Sodality — Seniors; Sister James Immaculate; Prefect: Helen Turley; Juniors: Sister Agnes Rosaire; Prefect: Dorothea Carey; Sophomores: Sister Joannes Maria; Prefect: Patricia Ryan

Stella Matutina — Sister Thomas Miriam; Editor: Catherine Volpe

Student Council — Sister Emiliana; President: Mary Ross

Varsity Basketball — Sister Agnes Rosaire; Coach: Miss Lagomasino; Captain: Marie Brady; Junior Varsity — Sister Helen Theresa; Captain: Carol Siconolfi

Volleyball — Mrs. Peter Farrell

Y. C. S. — Sister Joan Bernadette and Sister Theresa Immaculate; President: Jo-Ann Aloia

Yes, every kind of club is here for you at Saint Brendan's.

A Freshman Looks At St. Brendan's

Making its debut among the lively faces of original Brendanites comes a group of eager, inquisitive girls, all willing and ready to share their fun and feelings with the Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors.

And their impression of St. Brendan's? 'Wonderful,' 'I'm scared,' said some. Others, 'I can't believe it, when do we start!'

Start they did—September, and at approximately 9:00 A.M. the first bell rang and excitement mounted. The periods went smoothly . . . teachers smiling, pencils and pens going, silent jabber, all of the girls devoutly at their work. Eleven forty-five . . . lunch! Twelve thirty . . . the girls scampered back to their seats all fresh and ready for the last three periods. These periods ended, one after the other, without mishap, and two-thirty marked the end of their first full high school day.

The future promising? Obviously. A good school spirit? Of course. But how do I know? Really, now, I'm one of them.

Four Join Collegiate Set; Participate in Studies

During the summer, Regina Padronaggio of 202 attended a Program in Advanced Mathematics sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Held at Brooklyn College, classes were from 8:30 to 3:30, beginning July 1 and finishing on August 18. The subject matter of the course was Infinite Processes and Linear Algebra, and a Problem Seminar. Presently, Regina and three juniors, Nadine Holbrook, Emily Persico, and Patricia Riddell, all from 204, are participants in a Math program again sponsored by the National Science Foundation and given at Brooklyn College. The class of 60 students are being instructed in Group Theory and Probability. This course runs from September to June on Saturdays.

Not only in Math, but also in science and music, Saint Brendan's girls are active. From July 6 through August 7, Marietta Gaeta and Frances Conry, both of 204, took part in a high-level survey of selected topics in astronomy and space science at the Hayden Planetarium. Marietta Gaeta was also offered an opportunity to participate in a Science Honors Program at Columbia University.

In the field of music, Ellen Frost of 202 and Susan Kiernan and Fran Dinolfo of 201 have been chosen to take part in an enrichment course given at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

Honor Society

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The new Junior members are: D. Aiese, A. Angleone, R. Aspromonte, A. Bauer, M. Boyce, L. Camelo, C. Campbell, J. Chiapone, F. Conroy, J. Crawford, J. Flanagan, D. Ford, M. Gaeta, N. Holbrook, J. Incagnoli, K. Jones, J. Kenny, D. Lombardi, M. Molardi, S. Malley, C. Martin, B. Mastrione, P. McCabe, T. Molloy, C. Monahan, B. Miller, M. Mone, E. Persico, M. Plietz, M. Randazzo, M. Rockford, S. Salerno, F. Scerbinski, and M. Stumpf.

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